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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1976

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE PRINCIPALS. T, M AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION CHAIRMAN KARL BAKKE CALLED ON ME TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES THAT AROSE BETWEEN US OVER HIS UNAUTHORIZED CONCLUSION OF A SHIPPING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION. HE WAS CONTRITE AND TOOK MY STERN LECTURING WITH A MINIMUM OF DEFENSE. HE PLEDGED HIS FULL COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE AND ACCEPTED THE NECESSITY OF PRIOR CLEARANCE AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY STATE AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE STILL PROCEEDING WITH WORK ON AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SETTING EXPLICIT GUIDELINES FOR ALL AGENCIES TO ASSURE STATE CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.

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I MET WITH DAN PARKER AND HIS ASSOCIATES, BILL SCHAUFELE, KEMPTON JENKINS AND OTHERS TO PLAN STRATEGY FOR BEATING A PROSPECTIVE TALKATHON BY SENATOR ALLEN AGAINST AID TO MOZAMBIQUE WHEN THE FY 1977 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS ACT REACHES THE SENATE FLOOR IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. WE ARE DEVELOPING IN CLOSE CONFIDENCE A PACKAGE OF HARMLESS COMPROMISES WHICH THE SENATE FLOOR LEADERS MAY NEED TO USE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR CAPACITY TO DELIVER ON YOUR LUSAKA COMMITMENTS.

JIM WILSON CAME TO SEE ME TODAY TO TALK ABOUT MY BREAKFAST CONVERSATIONS WITH CONGRESSMAN FRASER AND SENATOR CRANSTON. WE ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY SOME CURRENT UPCOMING PROBLEMS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA, SPECIFICALLY THE ARGENTINE IDB LOAN APPLICATION AND CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL DESIRES TO RECEIVE COUNTRY REPORTS FROM US ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WILL SOON HAVE A MEMO FOR YOU ON THIS SUBJECT.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: CHAIRED SMALL GROUP MEETING; MET WITH PRESS SPOKESMAN; PRESIDED AT SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF AMBASSADOR IGNACIO E. LOZANO (TO EL SALVADOR); LUNCHEDED WITH BRENT SCOWCROFT; ATTENDED DINNER BY ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR MUSICH HONORING IRVING FRIEDMAN, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK IN NEW YORK.

FROM HABIB:

THE AMBASSADOR OF SWITZERLAND CALLED ON ME FOR A TOUR D' HORIZON ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS BEFORE HIS RETURN HOME FOR A CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING. WITH RESPECT TO ITALIAN COMMUNISTS, THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE OPINED WITH SOME EMPHASIS THAT THERE IS MORE TO EUROPE THAN "THE NINE."

OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO ICELAND, JIM BLAKE, CAME BY TO DISCUSS HIS MISSION. WE REVIEWED RECENT BILATERAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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I DEPARTED IN THE AFTERNOON TO JOIN YOU IN NEW YORK.

ROBINSON

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